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FALL SEMESTER

Friday, December 16

Two thousand five

Seven-thirty p.m.

Ritsche Auditorium

Stewart Hall

St. Cloud State University

COMMENCEMENT MARKS RENEWAL SCSU TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

1871 graduate Alfretta Van Valkenberg, a member of the first class of the Third Normal School (later St. Cloud State University), recalled years later the vivid memory and dramatic impact of her commencement: “I felt all of life was open to me and I could tread (life’s) paths with a firm and reliant tread.”

The environment on this campus has changed significantly since Alfretta received her diploma. But the one-building teacher training school where she received her higher education has something important in common with the comprehensive, sprawling university on the Mississippi River that has earned a national reputation for excellence: It continues to arm students with the knowledge, experiences and skills to transform their lives. It continues to provide an atmosphere where learning from the past enriches planning for the future. There truly is a tradition of excellence and opportunity for all St. Cloud State students.

The Third Normal School’s first principal, Ira Moore, and the State Normal Board displayed the foresight and progressive spirit that remains evident on this campus today. Those first leaders started building “a nucleus of a library that will in time meet all the needs of the large institution this is

destined to become.” Now the James W. Miller Learning Resources Center is the hub for study, research and discussion on campus.

Sharing a proud tradition

With that first commencement, which took place 134 years ago in a small church building that still stands south of Coborn’s on Fifth Avenue, a proud tradition was begun. Thousands of students in years to come would commemorate through this ceremony the academic and practical knowledge they had gained to prepare them for a career and for life. They would be reminded of the issues they had explored and the opinions they had formulated. They would celebrate the friends they had met from different backgrounds and diverse cultures. Today’s graduates are the latest to benefit from the tradition of excellence and opportunity that Alfretta Van Valkenberg and all those in between discovered at the Third Normal School and its later incarnations, St. Cloud Teachers College, St. Cloud State College and St. Cloud State University.

For Alfretta and her peers, becoming a teacher was the only option. Now this highly-accredited university offers over 100 undergraduate and 70 graduate programs in a wide variety of career fields.

OF AND OPPORTUNITY

While the campus has evolved into five colleges plus graduate and continuing studies programs and enrollment has grown to over 15,000, St. Cloud State remains a place where students come to be transformed. Then and now students receive an affordable, high-quality education -- and a bridge to a profession. Then and now students gain the confidence to “tread (life’s) paths with a firm and reliant tread,” as Alfretta so aptly wrote in her tribute.

At this commencement we salute Alfretta and all the graduates who followed -- especially those we gather to pay tribute to today. Whether they are the first in their families to cross the commencement stage or are becoming one of an increasing number of second or third-generation SCSU alumni to benefit from St. Cloud State’s traditions, all share this once-in-a-lifetime accomplishment with the families and friends whose support helped bring them to this day.

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SCSU Brass Quintet

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COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	Hal Lofgreen, Professor Department of Economics
MUSIC SCSU Brass Quintet	<i>HALLELUJAH, AMEN</i> By G. F. Hande
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INTRODUCTION OF THE COLLEGE DEANS	Mark Nook, Dean, Undergraduate Studies
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PRESENTING OF CANDIDATES	Deans
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WELCOMING ALUMNI	Jill Rudnitski, Vice President for University Advancement
CLOSING REMARKS	Michael Spitzer, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
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*Audience please stand

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Public History

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Crystal

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THE ACADEMIC ATTIRE

The custom of wearing a distinctive dress for academic ceremonies goes back to the Middle Ages, when long-sleeved, hooded gowns were necessary for warmth in the unheated stone colleges. Academic costume is at present worn in the United States by persons taking part in academic ceremonies in general, at commencement ceremonies, at baccalaureate services, and at various inauguration ceremonies.

GOWNS

The bachelor's gown is a relatively simple kind falling in straight lines from a fairly elaborate yoke. Its distinguishing characteristic is the long pointed sleeves. The master's gown is similar, except for the sleeves. The doctor's gown is an elaborate costume marked by velvet panels down the front and around the neck as well as by three bars of the same material on the bell-shaped sleeves.

HOODS

The greatest degree of symbolism is shown by the hood. Undergraduates here do not wear the hood. The hood has velvet edging which indicates the area of specialization. The inside of the hood is satin and indicates by its color the college or university which granted the degree. St. Cloud State University's colors are deep cardinal red and black.

CAPS

The square "Oxford cap" or mortarboard of serge or broadcloth with a stiff crown is worn for most degrees. The tassel that hangs to the side is switched from the right to the left when the degree is awarded.

TASSELS

The color of the tassel indicates the degree: associate (blue), bachelor of arts (white), bachelor of elective studies (yellow gold), bachelor of fine arts (white), bachelor of fine arts and music (pink), bachelor of science (yellow gold), master of arts (white), master of business administration (brown), master of science (yellow gold), and specialist (blue).

BANNERS AND FLAGS

The commencement ceremony as a whole affirms the value of learning to society, recognizes the cooperation of many people, on and off the campus, who have contributed to the learning enterprise and, above all, celebrates the effort and achievement (symbolized by diplomas, degrees and dress) of the graduates themselves.

UNIVERSITY SEAL

The university seal was redesigned in 2001 and portrays the cupola that sits atop Riverview Building, surrounded by oak leaves. The visuals were chosen to illustrate SCSU's long history of teacher preparation (Riverview was built to serve as the lab school for St. Cloud Normal School students to teach area children) and the university's location on the oak-crowned banks of the Mississippi River.

COUNTRY FLAGS

The U.S. flag is displayed in the center of the building, above graduate seating. The flags on either side of the university seal banner represent countries which host St. Cloud State University study-abroad programs: Chile, China, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Denmark, England, France, Germany, Japan, Poland, South Africa and Sweden. Additional flags on display represent the home countries of international students graduating today. More than 900 international students from over 80 countries attend St. Cloud State University. We especially welcome to St. Cloud the families of graduating international students.

COLLEGE BANNERS

The college banners are carried in by faculty marshals representing each of the five undergraduate colleges of the university. Merle Sykora, professor emeritus of art, designed the colorful banners depicting the College of Business (drab), College of Education (light blue, lemon, sage green), College of Fine Arts and Humanities (white, brown crimson, pink, silver gray, dark blue), College of Science and Engineering (orange, golden yellow) and College of Social Sciences (citron, copper).

THE MACE

The mace originated as a staff or club used in the Middle Ages for breaking armor. It evolved into a ceremonial symbol of authority used in legislative bodies, universities, and other governmental units.

The university mace was created by David Landwehr out of the white cedar flag pole from Old Main which was built in 1875 and razed in the late 1940s. The carved designs on the mace head which are decorated with gold leaf symbolize the five undergraduate colleges of the university and were created by Merle Sykora, professor emeritus of art.

THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION

The presidential medallion worn by President Roy H. Saigo was created in 2002 by SCSU faculty emeritus, Dr. James Roy. This multi-dimensional medallion incorporates the new SCSU seal and sits upon a plate of rhodium-plated sterling silver. The central portion of the medallion has been created from cast 14K gold and is festooned with four deep red garnet stones.

Dr. James Roy served as chair of the SCSU Department of Visual Arts from 1964-1992 and retired in 1994. Previously, Dr. Roy designed the original presidential medallion which is now housed in university archives, as well as medallions for the Chancellor of the Minnesota State University System, Metropolitan State University and Minnesota State University-Akita in Japan.

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